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OVERVIEW

USAID estimated support for Kabul from January 2002 - December 2010: \$1,257.0 million

Estimated Population: 3,449,800 (Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Central Statistics Office: Estimated Population of Afghanistan 2008-2009)

Note: Includes national-level programs



Situated in east-central Afghanistan, Kabul sits in an arid valley and receives sunshine most days of the year. Established 5,000 years ago and invaded by numerous civilizations, today the city is being reconstructed after decades of war. As the capital city, Kabul is the center of government and commerce for the nation, its Tajik, Pashtun, and Hazara residents have access to an increasing variety of public services and institutions. In recent years, the city has seen a significant increase in population and the government continues to struggle in providing services such as electricity and clean water.

AGRICULTURE

Goal: Increase agricultural sector jobs and income through a) increased agricultural productivity by improving farmer access to inputs and effective extension services; b) invigorated agribusiness by increasing linkages between farmers, markets, credit, and trade corridors; and c) rehabilitated watersheds and improved irrigation infrastructure. Also, increase Afghans' confidence in their government by increased Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock's (MAIL) capacity to deliver services and promote the private sector and farmer associations through direct budget and technical assistance.

Summary: USAID's agricultural work has focused on helping farmers to develop a dynamic agricultural economy capable of adapting to market forces through support of market linkages, improving farm technology and enhancing agri-business associations. USAID also focuses on improving collaboration between and capacity building within MAIL, the National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA), and provincial level government officials in order to create and improve upon economic opportunities related to biodiversity and natural resource conservation.

Current Activities:

- Improve collaboration between government ministries and agencies to enhance the government's overall ability to protect and conserve valuable wildlife habitat in the country
- Assist the Afghan government in the development of laws to regulate wild species, hunting, and the protection of endangered species, and help the government fulfill international obligations under the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species
- Provide training in natural resource conservation and sustainable land management to government officials and community members
- Provide agriculture education opportunities to students and faculty members to include capacity-building of faculty members primarily focused on curriculum development, establishment of research farms for students, offering of English language courses, and provision of laboratory equipment



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- Support 16 private full-service retail level AgDepot farm stores that provide agriculture supplies and services to support key licit crops and animal health
- Advise MAIL on infrastructure establishment in Band-e-Amir National Park
- Provide loans to financial and non-financial intermediaries, who then on-lend these funds to farmers and agribusinesses
- Assist merchants in testing new marketing channels for fresh grapes through refrigerated shipments to Delhi, Dubai, and Karachi

Accomplishments:

- Trained government officials and provincial community representatives in techniques to improve their natural resource management capabilities in the areas of soil and water conservation, rangeland management, and cooking fuel conservation
- Established the Kabul Women's Farm Service Center, currently serving approximately 10,000 women working in the agricultural sector in Kabul and surrounding provinces
- Planted approximately one million trees for the Greening of Kabul project
- Provided technical assistance to the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) for the development of an Information, Education and Communication Strategy and its implementation (including a gender component) and offered training on various environmental topics
- Assisted the NEPA in the creation and publication of Afghanistan's first protected species list
- Established a demonstration farm and AgFair site at Badam Bagh and hosted six AgFairs
- Trained 77 International Security Assistance Force customs officials to halt the trade of furs from endangered species and other illegal wildlife products
- Provided accessible and affordable agricultural inputs – seeds and fertilizer – to promote the production of wheat
- Provided 360 metric tons of wheat seed and 1,080 metric tons of fertilizer through the MAIL National Seed Distribution Program in 2010, benefitting 7,200 farmers
- Established the Omaid Bahar Fruit Processing Facility that produces pomegranate, peach, apple, and apricot juice and exports produce
- Provided support for packing, sorting, technical assistance, custom, cargo, and linkage between local and international buyers for export of fresh fruits through Kabul
- Established five research trials of forage crops at Badam Bagh Research Farm and Faculty of Agriculture, Kabul University Research Farm to support teaching and research activities of students and faculties
- Trained 100 students of the Agronomy Department of the Faculty of Agriculture at Kabul University in forage production technologies
- Completed a training needs assessment for NEPA and MAIL that will be used to choose training topics and to coordinate joint training between the two agencies in order to facilitate increased cooperation
- Assisted MAIL to draft its 100-day Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan and provided a concept note for creation of a wildlife authority
- Formulated the MAIL NRM Task Force planning template which allowed the three areas of the NRM division of MAIL (forests, rangeland, and protected areas) to consolidate their own 100-day plans with those of their principal partners for the first time
- Developed a student demonstration farm including poultry and large-animal facilities and adjacent areas of agronomic and horticulture tree fruit crops at Kabul University Faculty of Agriculture
- Installed an AgNet Internet communications system and weather station in the provincial MAIL office, providing access to the National Agriculture Information System database



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- Brought 5,500 hectares of land under improved natural resource management and trained 70 MAIL staff in natural resource management as part of an ongoing natural resource management initiative

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

Goal: Build the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality of government services to Afghan citizens. Support independent media institutions and advocacy groups.

Summary: USAID strengthens democracy and governance in Kabul Province through support to the justice sector, media, civil society, and governance development.

Current Activities:

- Provide technical support to the Ministries of Agriculture; Communications and Information Technology; Education; Energy and Water; Finance; Foreign Affairs; Higher Education; Labor and Social Affairs; Public Health; Public Works; Rural Reconstruction and Development; Urban Development; and the Civil Service Commission to foster a more effective, transparent government
- Support the Radio Zafar station in Paghman, and the Radio Qarabagh station in Qarabagh, Kabul with program funding and technical support as part of a national network of local radio stations that broadcast independent national satellite programming from Salam Watandar
- Support the Afghanistan Women's Education Center as an intermediate civil-society support organization, which will organize community dialogues, run resource centers, monitor grantees, and provide capacity building to target civil-society organizations
- Support the Afghan Civil Society Forum as an intermediate civil-society support organization which will organize community dialogues, run resource centers, monitor grantees, and provide capacity building to target civil-society organizations
- Support basic education and employable skill training which will organize community dialogues, run resource centers, monitor grantees, and provide capacity building to target civil-society organizations
- Support the Educational and Training Center for Poor Women and Girls of Afghanistan, which will organize community dialogues, run resource centers, monitor grantees, and provide capacity building to target civil-society organizations
- Provide support to the Office of the President and the Office of the Presidential Spokesman
- Provide professional assistance to each of the Afghan Parliament Committees
- Develop legislative, oversight and outreach capacity of Members of Parliament, Parliament staff, and civil-society organizations
- Provide training and assistance to the National Assembly including an on-going Parliamentary Fellowship Program, a student parliament, research, and internet support
- Foster free and fair elections by providing assistance to the Independent Election Commission and voter registration efforts
- Provide ongoing training for civil-society organizations, journalists, and media institutions
- Provide support to the newly established High Office of Oversight on its anticorruption strategy (USAID supported the establishment of this office and is committed to fighting corruption and improving service delivery to all Afghans)
- Train provincial and district-level civil servants in the five common functions highlighted in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy: financial management, human resources management, procurement, project management, and strategy and policy development
- Provide management and technical support to the Afghan government's Civil Service Institute



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- Embed technical advisors in provincial line departments, who provide on-the-job training to civil servants to increase service delivery
- Provide technical support to the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission to build the capacity of civil servants around the country
- Train provincial council members on the council's legal rights, monitoring, and oversight, and getting them communicate with the constituents and represent them with government entities
- Provide \$25,000/month through the Performance Based Governors Fund for governors to cover operational expenditures and perform community outreach projects

Accomplishments:

- Supported the development of the justice sector through the publication and distribution of judicial reference laws
- Developed and trained judges and court administrators in the Afghanistan Court Administration System
- Provided core, skills, and ethics training for judges allowing them to better officiate over the courts
- Promoted legal and human rights awareness, including women's rights, through public education campaigns in a variety of media, and provided institutional, capacity-building training to civil-society organizations
- Provided training and support to provincial councils, which improved professionalism, knowledge, and skills, resulting in more effective and transparent leadership
- Supported the Zanan-e-Khoshroo Council for awareness on women's rights project
- Supported the Saba Media Organization for an education/literacy project
- Supported the Enjeel Association of United Sisters for a citizen's platform for gender equality project
- Supported the 2010 voter registration update exercise; assisted domestic and international observation missions, trained political parties and candidate poll agents, conducted a series of poll surveys ahead of the 2010 election, and provided civic education and media outreach activities for broad-based participation to promote a democratically-elected government
- Facilitated consensus-building efforts through civic-education training and dialogue sessions with mullahs and Sharia scholars
- Supported voter registration, assisted domestic and international observation missions, trained political parties and independent poll agents, conducted a series of poll surveys, and supported the 2009 presidential and provincial council elections
- Built the provincial prosecutor's office and a district administration building in Surobi District
- Funded computer training courses for Supreme Court justices and training for journalists covering legal affairs
- Provided public services such as trash collection and sewer maintenance, and worked with the municipality and citizens to maintain streets, sidewalks, and parks
- Conducted an assessment of the political, legal, and administrative environment
- Built a new, modern parliamentary library and trained library staff to provide Afghanistan's legal professionals with research materials
- Provided logistical and policy support for the Constitutional Loya Jirga and for the Afghanistan-Pakistan Peace Jirga to help Afghanistan's government to restore peace and rule of law
- Built facilities and provided technical support for the Government Media and Information Center to support Afghanistan's government outreach activities
- Produced a popular weekly television show, "Face the Nation," on Radio Television Afghanistan to help Afghans understand their parliament's role, responsibilities, and activities



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ECONOMIC GROWTH

Goal: Promote a thriving, legal economy led by the private sector.

Summary: USAID promotes economic development in Kabul Province through expanding access to telecommunications, business education, and modern banking services.

Current Activities:

- Train entrepreneurs in business management and accounting, providing them with the skills to better run and grow their businesses
- Implement a comprehensive training program on city planning, mapping, and survey standards including a two-week intensive on-the-job training on global positioning equipment provided to engineers of the City Planning Department
- Support the development of an integrated land information system and modern survey standards through facilitating study tours and training
- Support tenure formalization programs
- Provide ongoing policy advice to the Ministry of Urban Development on the implementation of the Afghan land policy via an informal settlement steering committee
- Support the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) to implement its e-Governance strategy to advance integration of communication and information technology across line ministries and in the provinces and to promote innovation in the private sector
- Support the Turquoise Mountain Trust in the economic, social, and cultural regeneration of Murad Khane, a traditional commercial and craft neighborhood in the center of Kabul's Old City
- Support the Turquoise Mountain Trust to provide traditional craft education through the Institute for Afghan Arts and Architecture, and develop the market of Afghan crafts domestically and abroad through business development activities
- Support the member-owned and managed Islamic Investment and Finance Cooperative (IIFC) which provide financial services to members
- Support the construction and launch of the new Kabul One Stop Shop for Exports, which will reduce the certification and authorization process for traders from the current time of three to seven days to just 1.5 hours, bringing under one roof 11 different agencies that are involved in providing the certificates, authorizations and other documents needed to export, reducing the time and cost to traders
- Support the Fiscal Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance in the budget preparation process
- Provide policy support to the Office of the Minister of Finance
- Facilitate the Minister of Finance's implementation of the IMF Extended Credit Facility macroeconomic reform program
- Complete the installation and training of the Revenue Reconciliation Database in 47 ministries in Kabul, and design, develop, and support the integration of the database to enable automatic upload of transactions into Afghanistan Financial Management Information System at all provincial and ministerial locations
- Provide ongoing mentoring and coaching support to all of Afghan government's budgetary units to facilitate their preparation of program budgets in line with guidance issued by the Ministry of Finance
- Assess the core functions and generate proposals for organizational change at the Minister of Economy
- Provide general support to Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) operations and reforms, including technical assistance in updating/cleaning accounting records; developing policies and procedures for DAB's Accounting Manual; strengthening the Core Banking System, Accounting Systems, and Reporting; assisting with year-end financial statements and audit; revising DAB regulations as necessary to conform



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to needs of a developing financial sector; and assisting DAB to conduct a self-assessment according to Basel Core Principles of Effective Banking Supervision

- Continue to lead the legislative process related to the banking law and DAB law amendments, including the “fast track” amendments to enhance corporate governance and consolidated supervision
- Develop a roadmap for the implementation of the Telecom Law and the new Information and Communication Technology Law

Accomplishments:

- Installed four District Communications Network centers, operated by Afghan Telecom, that provide telephones, Internet, and photocopying services to both the district government officials and the public at large
- Provided private sector economic opportunities through construction of the Bagrami Industrial Park, which currently houses more than 20 operational businesses, employing 6,642 skilled and unskilled laborers
- Established one IIFC with 210 members and disbursed more than \$180,900 in Sharia-compliant loans
- Trained customs staff on customs law, declarations, data entry, valuation, tariffs, and preparation of trade statistics to build a professional, modern customs authority
- Facilitated the streamlining of import processes at Kabul International Airport, eliminating 10 of the 33 steps, and reducing the amount of time it takes to clear customs import procedures by 45 percent
- Conducted land surveys in various districts throughout Kabul, which will be used to revise and implement the municipality’s master plan
- Reorganized land titling documentation at the Makhzan court register with new cost-efficient technology so that Afghans can now easily access their property documents (before the reorganization, the land administration office was unable to properly document land transfers, provide proof of ownership documents, or prevent the registration of fraudulent deeds)
- Launched a website that enables the processing of web-based credit card transactions in Afghanistan that enables retailers to accept multiple forms of payment, easing commercial transactions for customers and businesspeople
- Provided 1,500 computers to local schools and equipped each with localized enterprise development software through support to the One Laptop per Child program
- Facilitated the launch of Afghanistan’s first private insurance company, the Insurance Company of Afghanistan, now with more than \$1 billion in outstanding policies and backed by Lloyd’s of London
- Clarified approximately 4,500 property boundaries in District 13 of Kabul through a community-based property clarification and dispute-resolution process
- Promoted economic expansion and private-sector development for a variety of businesses in the small and medium enterprise sector through trainings and seminars
- Fostered business growth and women’s economic empowerment in Kabul by starting and supporting business associations: founded 10 business associations, and supported 93 (40 women) associations and provided budgetary and technical assistance to the Afghan Women’s Business Federation, a federation of more than 80 associations and other member organizations representing 28,000 women entrepreneurs
- Fostered the next generation of Afghanistan’s business leaders through a variety of internship and mentoring programs (these programs have built the capacity of 457 participants including 185 women)
- Facilitated the growth and expansion of the business development services (BDS) sector through training on financial analysis, access to finance, and accounting
- Trained approximately 4,500 entrepreneurs in business management and accounting
- Supported 1,052 small and medium enterprises



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- Disbursed more than \$8.75 million in small business loans through USAID-funded financial institutions
- Educated 140 students at the Institute for Afghan Arts and Architecture in the Schools of Woodwork, Ceramics, Calligraphy, and Painting, and Jewelry and Gem-Cutting; obtained full City and Guilds accreditation for the Institute; cleared more than 20,000 m3 of rubbish from Murad Khane; repaired or rebuilt more than 50 community houses; and provided the Institute and Murad Khane with access to water, sanitation, drainage, electricity, and primary education opportunities
- Assisted the Fiscal Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance to establish a fiscal reform roadmap and finalize the Revenue Projections model to strengthen Afghan government capacity to analyze and forecast fiscal performance and revenue flows to better adapt to expenditure and revenue realities throughout the fiscal year
- Provided policy guidance and assisted the Minister of Finance in the negotiations to clear 100 percent (\$11.2 billion) of debt relief for Afghanistan, in the context of the IMF Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility
- Completed the negotiations on the IMF's new three-year Extended Credit Facility Program, which will build on the reform efforts of domestic revenue mobilization and Public Financial Management
- Helped five ministries "graduate" from program budgeting support, enabling them to independently complete their budgets without external technical assistance, and trained 1,500 civil servants across 51 budgetary units to develop budgets more closely aligned to the Afghanistan National Development Strategy and consistent with their respective missions
- Helped DAB successfully issue its 1388 financial statements by the statutory deadline and secured a clean, unqualified external audit report on the financial statements for the first time since 2003
- Merged data from six regional hubs with the head office records to improve DAB's overall financial management and reporting, ensuring that 70 percent of all transactions are captured in a single database
- Assisted DAB in developing a comprehensive package of amendments to DAB Law and Banking Law
- Collected, analyzed, and processed data collected in the first Survey of Regional Economic Activity in Kabul and prepared a report for DAB
- Enabled the Afghanistan Clearinghouse System to begin live operations for the interchange and settlement of low-value checks, and supported the establishment of a National Payment Council (NPC), a group that includes commercial banks, the Ministry of Finance, and DAB, who will work together to oversee the development of the payment systems in Afghanistan
- Launched the Kabul branch of the Afghanistan Central Business Registry (ACBR), making it easier for Afghan business owners to register a business, fully institutionalized the ACBR within the Afghan government structure, and completed operational assessment of the ACBR in Kabul enabling full ownership of management and operational responsibilities by the Afghan government
- Assisted Afghanistan Telecom (AfTel) to negotiate fiber optic agreements with neighboring countries, which will potentially reduce Internet access costs 100-fold and increase AfTel revenues by \$2 million

EDUCATION

Goal: Improve the quality of basic education through improved teacher quality and increased availability of primary school textbooks; improve the quality of higher education; improve the livelihoods of urban and rural communities through increased literacy and employability instruction.

Summary: USAID supports educational improvements in Kabul Province through three national education programs. USAID has delivered radio-based teacher support programs, provided support to local communities through capacity strengthening in partnerships with non-government organizations and Ministry of Education personnel, provided literacy and vocational education, printed textbooks, trained education faculty professors, and



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helped in capacity building of the higher education institutions by providing accelerated learning and remedial education, and constructing and/or refurbishing education facilities.

Current Activities:

- Assist orphanages and implement educational activities for the street children
- Build the capacity of the Ministry of Higher Education to improve its administrative and policy framework to sustain quality teaching, learning, and culture of excellence
- Build two new, modern high schools in Kabul (Ghazi Boys' and Sardar-e-Kabuli Girls')
- Continue textbook support
- Fund remedial education for out-of-school girls in three districts
- Implement three national grant initiatives to provide technical support to the Ministry of Education
- Provide funding for radio dramas to promote community dialogue
- Develop a training program for a national initiative that will train 125 master trainers to lead psychosocial trainings and initiate a "Healthy Afghan Child" program to provide students with an individualized education plan in schools throughout Afghanistan
- Improve university students' computer skills and promote the use of the Internet through three Internet Centers at Kabul University, Kabul Medical University, Kabul Education University, and Kabul Polytechnic University
- Offer the 18-month program in literacy and productive skills to 9,000 youth and adults (64 percent female) in 95 communities through 367 literacy centers (including 237 for women)
- Provide accelerated learning and remedial education for girls
- Provide operations support to Afghanistan Technical Vocational Institute
- Provide vocational and technical education for secondary school students benefitting more than 2,000 students
- Provide student services, civics education, and leadership skills development to the residents at the National Women's Dormitory at Kabul University, which provides safe refuge for more than 1,000 women to study at universities in Kabul
- Refurbish the men's dormitory at Kabul University including a large modern kitchen and dining facility for the students
- Sponsor higher education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad (faculty are completing engineering, computer science, and public policy administration degrees abroad and locally, and others have completed study tours in university administrative systems)
- Support the American University of Afghanistan, which is currently providing 530 students (20 percent female) with a liberal arts university education
- Support the International School of Kabul with a current enrollment of 255 students
- Work with the Kabul Medical University to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, and English programs
- Work with the Faculty of Education to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, institutional development, leadership, management, administration, professional attitudes, English, and teacher standards

Accomplishments:

- Constructed 60 schools
- Established 367 literacy centers
- Expanded higher education opportunities for 1,100 women through the rehabilitation of the National Women's Dormitory at Kabul University



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- Expanded Kabul University's capabilities by training 116 staff members, distributing more than 2,000 hard and soft copy resources, and establishing two professional development centers, four educational development teams, and one computer lab
- Fostered 20 local youth councils for 400 young people (50 percent female) to increase youth participation in the reconstruction and advancement of their communities
- Introduced a teacher standards program and a standards working committee for assessment and validation
- Printed more than nine million textbooks
- Provided accelerated learning and remedial education for more than 1,100 girls who were denied an education during the Taliban era
- Sponsored continuing education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad for professors (ten teachers were sent on study tours in the U.S., Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Singapore, and 80 students at Kabul Medical University and Kabul University students completed internships, of which, 30 percent were offered jobs after graduation from their host companies)

HEALTH

Goal: Improve the access to and quality of health service delivery and increase the abilities of individuals, families, and communities to protect their health.

Summary: USAID's principal health investments in Kabul come through support for the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and the Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS), including technical assistance to the Provincial Health Office and implementing non-government organizations, pre-service and refresher training for midwives and community health workers, and the provision of refresher training courses for nurses and physicians.

Current Activities:

- Distribute community awareness materials for tuberculosis, diagnostic, treatment, and training packages for tuberculosis including a database information system and maintenance equipment for the database
- Expand the community-based prevention of postpartum hemorrhage initiative for births not attended by skilled providers
- Fund province-wide community health worker pre-service and refresher training
- Fund the Diseases Early Warning System for 14 routine conditions/diseases in 29 sentinel sites
- Implement a child survival demonstration project at the community level in Farza District, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Implement the Integrated Child Survival Package at the community level in Shakardara District, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Increase the technical and managerial skills of healthcare workers through refresher training for doctors, nurses, and lab technicians
- Introduce quality improvement collaboratives with seven maternity hospitals to share best practices for reducing maternal and neonatal mortality
- Procure and distribute high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives to address the immediate healthcare needs of Kabul's population and work to improve corporate governance in the pharmaceutical sector in order to ensure a supply of quality medications at affordable prices
- Provide human resource and institutional support to the Kabul Ghazanfar Institute of Health Sciences



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- Provide on-the-job training to health facilities based on quality assurance findings to ensure skilled health care providers
- Provide technical and financial support to the Akbar Khan Tertiary Hospital in Kabul City
- Provide technical support for a regional clinical site to strengthen newborn care training
- Provide training on reproductive health and family planning to enable religious leaders to provide accurate information to communities
- Support 36 health facilities to implement the BPHS and EPHS
- Support a hospital-based midwifery education program to reduce infant and maternal mortality
- Support a men's health clinic focused on sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS
- Support full implementation of tuberculosis activities including initial and refresher trainings on the treatment of tuberculosis, upgrading lab facilities, strengthening lab microscopy, and introducing or scaling-up community-based initiatives such as community awareness of tuberculosis and treatment of tuberculosis by community health workers
- Support social marketing of health and family planning products (such as contraceptives, water purification agents, and oral rehydration salts for diarrhea) through 1,222 private-sector outlets
- Support the Ministry of Public Health Mental Health Department to identify and select regional trainers for mental health
- Support the Provincial Public Health Office and the Provincial Public Health Coordination Committee to strengthen the technical, leadership, and management capacity of the provincial health team to support the delivery of BPHS and EPSH
- Train community health worker trainers and community health supervisors, and orient new non-government organization staff, to expand the use of postpartum family planning

Accomplishments:

- Provided improved access to healthcare through the refurbishment of Antony Hospital
- Established three model tuberculosis learning centers for health providers
- Trained 2,900 pharmacists, shura members, and community health workers on safe drinking water, oral rehydration salts, and birth spacing to increase the quality of preventative healthcare in the province
- Procured and distributed high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives valued at \$2.5 million
- Graduated 173 midwives from the hospital-based midwifery training program
- Trained provincial health officers to develop monthly joint monitoring plans to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS

INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal: Improve infrastructure to create licit economic opportunities, promote freedom of movement, and facilitate delivery of government and social services.

Summary: The infrastructure program in Kabul Province focuses on the construction of roads, water, and energy facilities while building the capacity of local workers and supporting the provincial economy through the use of locally available materials.

Current Activities:

- Construct a National Load Control Center in Kabul that will help increase system reliability, efficiency, and safety within the North East Power System from which Kabul obtains its power supply



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- Maintain the Kabul-Gardez road to facilitate travel and reduce vehicle operating costs, with training to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Public Works to implement road maintenance through Afghan contractors
- Support the Kabul Electricity Directorate to improve the power utility's operating efficiency and cost recovery, enabling it to sustain its operations and provide for the expansion of services to more households and businesses
- Refurbish the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation building
- Design a new complex for the Ministry of Public Health with construction of the new building and related utilities expected to commence in 2011
- Build the capacity of the Afghan power utility, Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, to operate and maintain the Tarakhil Power Plant
- Develop a sustainable training organization to build Afghan technical, managerial, and administrative capacity in the energy sector
- Conduct a wind resource assessment to determine the potential of harnessing wind energy as a source of power for rural communities

Accomplishments:

- Increased access to clean water through the installation of 1.9 km of water pipes in Badam Bagh to promote healthy people, livestock, and crops
- Rehabilitated the five kilometer Kabul portion of the Ring Road and the Kabul-Gardez road to link Kabul to the rest of the country
- Upgraded two urban roads (Bibi Mahro (Airport) road and Shash Darak road), two traffic circles, and three intersections to facilitate traffic movement and enhance security within the city
- Provided approximately \$100 million for fuel to light the city of Kabul
- Constructed the Tarakhil Power Plant to provide an additional 105 megawatts of generating capacity to meet the needs of Kabul's residents and businesses

STABILIZATION

Goal: Improve stability, extend the reach of the Afghan government, and promote stabilization efforts that lay the groundwork for medium- to long-term development activities.

Summary: USAID creates linkages and builds confidence between communities and the local government through small-scale infrastructure, training, and community development projects.

Current Activities:

- Support community-level labor intensive programs for food insecure populations in Kabul and its suburbs through projects such as park rehabilitation, road graveling, cleaning the Kabul River, and planting trees that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary employment (wages earned through these public and community works projects enable the urban and rural poor to purchase food for themselves and their families, benefitting approximately 380,000 Kabul residents)
- Build a surrounding wall for Hazrat Omar Bin Aziz High School in Surobi District
- Construct four culverts in Orya Khel community
- Increase the capacity of the Institute of Health by rehabilitating the kitchens in the female and male dorms



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- Contribute to improved educational settings in Kabul City by procuring school furniture for four priority districts, and in Bagrami, Dih Sabz, and Khakki Jabbar districts by constructing boundary walls and rehabilitating existing education infrastructure
- Increasing the physical capacity and professional atmosphere of the government by increasing electricity availability with a solar power unit for the district governor's office in Khaki Jabbar
- Supporting the Afghan Peace and Reintegration Program (APRP) by providing technical assistance to build staff capacity of the Joint Secretariat that is responsible for overseeing the APRP

Accomplishments:

- Trained 40 beneficiaries in different vocation fields such as mechanics, carpentry, and mobile repair to enable families to have a second income earner
- Rehabilitated the Kabul Women's Garden
- Improved the educational setting in Bagrami by procuring school furniture and supporting community efforts to rehabilitate school desks and chairs
- Supported community efforts to rehabilitate canals and water systems in Dih Sabz, Khakki Jabbar, and Bagrami districts to improve health and sanitation
- Increased the physical capacity and professional atmosphere of the government by providing furniture for the district governor's office in Dih Sabz
- Provided vocational training in carpentry for 30 working-aged males in Dih Sabz
- Helped 26,070 people through community-level labor intensive programs that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary employment